

Media Release – New sexual health portal targets areas that impact Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities

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The Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet has added a new sexual health portal to its website.

<https://healthinfonet.ecu.edu.au/learn/health-topics/sexual-health/>

Through engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander experts in the field, topics for the sexual health portal will focus on the aspects of sexual health that impact Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals and their communities. These topics include safe sex, healthy relationships, sexuality, sexually transmitted infections and blood-borne viruses, sexual disorders and reproductive health.

Braden Hill, PVC Equity and Indigenous at Edith Cowan University says of this important topic 'This is a wonderful addition to HealthInfoNet's already important work in ensuring the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. The focus on sexual health is of vital importance and will enable an evidence informed approach to health care in relation to this sometimes complex area of health'.

HealthInfoNet Director Neil Drew says, 'There is a need for trusted evidence based information that is freely accessible in one place and this portal like our others delivers that'.

Funded by the Australian Department of Health, the portal has information about publications, policies, health promotion and practice resources, organisations and workforce information to provide up-to-date relevant information for those working in this important area. Users of the portal can stay connected with others in the field through online yarning places <https://healthinfonet.ecu.edu.au/key-resources/yarning-places/> and sign up to a free online newsletter to ensure they receive updates <https://healthinfonet.ecu.edu.au/key-resources/newsletters/>

Broome based artist Bec Morgan's painting titled 'Where the fresh water meets the salt water' is the featured art of the new portal and represents the freshwater and saltwater people coming together.

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